

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/774,088

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Art Unit

Ming Chow

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendments filed on 7-19-04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-43 and 48-50.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kevin Barner on November 9, 2004.

AMENDEMENT TO APPLICATION

3. The application has been amended as follows:
 - a) Regarding claim 29, line 3,
"new contact;" was changed to --- new contact and playing the first identifying information to an Automatic Speech Recognizer (ASR); ---
 - b) Regarding claim 29, line 8-9,
"and find primary" was changed to --- to locate and select ---

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- c) Regarding claim 36, line 4,
“new contact;” was changed to --- new contact and playing the first identifying
information to an Automatic Speech Recognizer (ASR); ---
- d) Regarding claim 36, line 11,
“network and select” was changed to --- network to locate ---
- e) Regarding claim 36, line 11,
“data matches” was changed to --- data entry matches ---
- f) Regarding claim 36, line 13,
“directory entry” was changed to --- data entry ---
- g) Regarding claim 36, line 14,
“other that” was changed to --- other than ---
- h) Regarding claims 44-47, cancelled.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

- 4. Claims 1-43, 48-50 are allowed.
- 5. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

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Upon close review of the claims, the prior art and applicant's remarks it appears that the allowance of claims 1-43, 48-50 is appropriate. The prior art does not teach a network-based system for automatic insertion of contact data into a personal address book. The system comprises a textual directory unit for searching a network to locate and select the contact data based on a telephone number which corresponds to a new contact name. The selected contact data is other than the new contact name and the telephone number. Further, the system comprises an automatic speech recognizer and a recorded contact name is played to the speech recognizer.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this application and office action should be directed to the examiner Ming Chow whose telephone number is (703) 305-4817. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang, can be reached on (703) 305-4895. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Customer Service whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377. Any response to this action should be mailed to"

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